

OTHER STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Programs and Services

The Office of the **Public Defender**, acting under authority granted by Chapter 31 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), provides legal counsel for indigent persons accused of a crime punishable by confinement. Separate funding is provided for expert witnesses for the Public Defenders office per KRS 31.185 (2).

The Office of the Public Defender represents only those criminally accused individuals who have been determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be indigent and therefore eligible for publicly furnished counsel as provided in KRS Chapter 31 and KRS 3.05(2). The Courts advise the Public Defender of such appointment through a system devised for such and, thereafter, an assigned attorney consults with the client and provides representation until final disposition of the case or until changed conditions dictate retention of private counsel. If, after determination of the case at trial or other disposition level, an appeal or other action for post-judgment review is desired by the client and appropriate, the Public Defender provides representation in such proceedings pursuant to the constitutional right of a convicted person to exercise one appeal (Ky. Const. Section 115; KRS 31.219).

The **Property Valuation Administrator** is an elected official whose duties and responsibilities are specified in KRS 132.285 through 132.420. Subject to the direction, instruction and supervision of the State Department of Revenue, PVA's assess all properties in their respective counties, prepare property assessment of property either prescribed by law or required by the Department of Revenue. The Metro Government's appropriation to the Office of the Property Valuation Administrator is specified by KRS 132.590.

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Programs and Services (continued)

The **Board of Tax Commissioners**, or the Board of Tax Supervisors, is a statutory citizens board whose members are appointed by the Mayor to review property tax assessment appeals.

Jefferson County has three elected **Constables** as mandated by KRS 64.210. Since the passage of the judicial amendment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Constitution, these elected officials have very limited duties to perform.

The **Mental Inquest** program through Circuit Court, pursuant to KRS 31.200, is provided funding for specialized professional services to criminal defendants who have been granted indigent status by the Circuit Court judges. The 1982 General Assembly passed a Guardianship Bill (SB 35) codified as KRS 387.540 and 387.560, which significantly increases local governments' financial responsibility in the determination of indigent mental disability cases.

The **County Law Library**. Pursuant to KRS 172.100, each county seat shall establish and designate sufficient room in an appropriate space to safely house legal books, maps, and articles pertaining to state law. Such space is provided by Metro government in the Old Jail Building. Employees personnel cost is entirely reimbursed by the non-profit board of the Jefferson County Public Law Library. The board derives its revenue through Circuit Court filing fees.

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Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actual 2005-2006	Original Budget 2006-2007	Revised Budget 2006-2007	Mayor's Recommended 2007-2008	Council Approved 2007-2008
General Fund Appropriation	2,151,900	2,122,700	2,228,500	2,619,100	2,619,100
Agency Receipts	172,100	218,500	224,300	261,100	261,100
Total Revenue:	2,324,000	2,341,200	2,452,800	2,880,200	2,880,200
Personal Services	158,600	165,700	165,700	252,500	252,500
Contractual Services	2,165,200	2,175,500	2,287,100	2,627,700	2,627,700
Total Expenditure:	2,323,800	2,341,200	2,452,800	2,880,200	2,880,200
Expenditures By Activity					
Expert Witness	86,700	86,800	86,800	86,800	86,800
Public Defender	1,652,600	1,652,600	1,758,400	2,035,700	2,035,700
Property Valuation Administrator	201,300	202,300	202,300	202,300	202,300
Board of Tax Commissioners	21,200	31,600	37,500	32,400	32,400
Constables & Magistrates	6,700	15,000	14,900	14,900	14,900
Mental Inquest	200,200	195,000	195,000	263,400	263,400
Law Library	155,100	157,900	157,900	244,700	244,700
Total Expenditure:	2,323,800	2,341,200	2,452,800	2,880,200	2,880,200

Other Statutory Obligations	Position Detail	
	Mayor's Recommended FY2007-2008	Council Approved FY2007-2008
Position Allocation (in Full-Time Equivalents)		
Full-time	3	3
Permanent Part-time	3	3
Seasonal/Other	0	0
Total Positions	6	6

Position Title

Constable	3	3
Deputy Director of Library Services	1	1
Executive Director of Library Services	1	1
Technical Services Librarian	1	1